

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK EVALUATION**AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies requirements relating to public instructional materials.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies who may perform an evaluation;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make certain rules; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

53A-14-107, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 349

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-14-107** is amended to read:

53A-14-107. Instructional materials alignment with core curriculum.

(1) A school district may not purchase primary instructional materials unless the



primary instructional materials provider:

(a) contracts with an independent party to evaluate and map the alignment of the primary instructional materials with the core curriculum adopted under Section 53A-1-402;

(b) provides a detailed summary of the evaluation under Subsection (1)(a) on a public website at no charge, for use by teachers and the general public; and

(c) pays the costs related to the requirements of this Subsection (1).

(2) The requirements under Subsection (1) may not be performed by:

(a) the State Board of Education;

(b) the superintendent of public instruction or the ~~[superintendent's staff]~~ State Office of Education;

(c) the State Instructional Materials Commission appointed pursuant to Section 53A-14-101;

(d) ~~[an employee or]~~ a local school board ~~[member of]~~ or a school district; or

(e) the instructional materials creator or publisher.

(3) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules that establish:

(a) the qualifications of the independent parties who may evaluate and map the alignment of the primary instructional materials in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (1)(a); and

(b) requirements for the detailed summary of the evaluation and its placement on a public website in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (1)(b).

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals.
Textbook providers and school districts may be impacted due to potential evaluation fees.
